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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on April 19, 2001. Applicants made a request for conversion of a provisional application to a non-provisional application March 19, 2002, and Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on October 1, 2002. To date, Applicants have only received the Postcard response, dated March 19, 2002, and the Notice of Recordation of Assignment-Document, dated June 4, 2002, from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of these circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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